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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shigeyuki MARUYAMA et al.**

Art Unit: **2815**

Application No.: **09/577,932**

Examiner: **Chris C. Chu**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN
ALIGNMENT MARK FORMED BY THE SAME
MATERIAL WITH A METAL POST**

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Attorney Docket Number: **000663**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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February 14, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005, and having a response due date set for February 28, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.